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## ***February 2019***

### ***#See all the people: Reaching 100 New Guests in 2019***

Thom Rainer and his staff did a fascinating national survey recently in which they found Eight out of Ten unchurched people said they would come to church if only someone would invite them. We all know personal invitation is actually the most effective way to reach new people in our community. We also know someone in our community or family who don't go to any church. As a church, we might do a great job of encouraging people to invite their friends, neighbors and Co-workers, but encouraging and equipping are two different things.

"#See all the people" is an attempt to ignite and inspire our church in the process of disciple-making. It is not waiting for people to come to us. It is about planting seeds, building relationships and knowing that once that happens, that really is the beginning of the disciple-making process. We can't disciple people with whom we're not in a relationship. We want to explore and capitalize on our relational capital. Just like other churches, we want to reach unreached and unchurched people. Normally the global churches worry a lot about fixing their building rather than about making disciples of Jesus Christ. The older we become we have a lot of things going on and it can be easy to lose focus.

If we want to be a rapid growing church, we should target seven weekly guests for every 100 people in attendance. That seems like a specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and time-based or trackable (SMART) goal. Even if we have two guests for each week at REUMC, we will have our goal met (reaching 100 guests) because just like any other year we do have 52 Sundays in 2019. What holds us back is not the lack of space, outdated social media presence or lack of facility, but it is an issue of mindset. A stuck mindset or insider mindset as some call it, but what we need in this hour is a right mindset. Setting a goal is a great thing but having a priority to reach the goal is another thing. Many times we see people accidentally, not intentionally. The act of intentionally planning for the guest will help solidify our priorities and create a healthy expectation. If teens find our church activities and service boring, irrelevant and disengaging the new visitors also will feel the same.

We were originally created for communities and formed for families. Nobody is required to fulfill his or her destiny alone. You were born for a purpose and we were made to belong. RiversEdge UMC would like to challenge each and everyone to join this challenge to invite and have 100 guests this year 2019. We are inviting people where they belong and see how God can change a life.

No matter what background, previous experience with church, I personally want each and everyone in our community to take this challenge to invite our friends and families. I also personally invite each one for this new launch of our new sermon series called "#See all the people" a 4 week series on Pressing Crowd, Expectant Crowd, Questioning Crowd and Astounded Crowd.

Come and Join us because you belong here.

***Blessings,  
Pr. Binu Peniel (D.Min)***



Come join us for Bible Study at **9:15 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings. Pastor Binu is leading an Alpha bible study. The Alpha course is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is described by its organizers as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life".



The Worship Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, **February 6** at **4:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** to plan the services for February and discuss any other matters of concern.



No **Food Pantry** or **King's Closet** in February.



We need to start praying for our General Conference that is happening from **February 23 to 26**. You can find "Bishop's GC2019 briefing" at [igrc.org](http://igrc.org) or Judy can email you a copy. General Conference is the legislative body of the United Methodist Church which meets normally every 4 years, composed of 864 delegates elected by Annual Conferences from around the world (40% outside the U.S.). Our conference has 10 voting delegates (5 clergy and 5 laity).



The 2019 offering envelopes are still available on a table in the hospitality hall. Don't forget to grab yours!



John Schaer is still collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** to recycle. **CANS** only, no aluminum disposable pans or other items. You may leave them in the entry area of the river side of the church or call John at 822-8770 if you would like him to pick them up. When he gets a truck load, he takes them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.

# STEP-UP AND SERVE.

USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE TO SERVE OTHERS.

10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested in ushering, reading scripture, greeting or being an acolyte, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

We still need one **SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher. We are working towards having two teachers per class. Please talk with April Nauman if you'd like to help. Please help us raise the next generation of Christians.

The **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for singers and musicians. If you have any interest learning more, please contact Jarrod Doty at church, by email at [jdoty69@gmail.com](mailto:jdoty69@gmail.com) or by phone at 657-8904.

**NURSERY—PAID POSITION.** Need an adult to assist/oversee the nursery on Sunday mornings. See Matt Freeman or Ron Call if you are interested or know of anyone that might be or if you would like additional information.

Pastor Binu is seeking **SCRIPTER READERS**. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The new sign-up sheets for the whole year are in place. Also, if you are interested in doing a children's message, see Pastor Binu. There is room on the signup sheet for other **SPECIALS** (solos, duets, reading, etc.). If you are interested, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.



- ♦ Linda Call had the great joy that she and Ron celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.
- ♦ Steve Hermacinski is thankful Karen's surgery went well & her recovery is going well too. Thankful for prayers.
- ♦ Carla Doty was also thankful for Karen's presence at worship today and the positive action Karen took with her required neck brace - making a beautiful necklace out of it by dressing it up with some jewelry. :)
- ♦ Roger Hodge had a procedure that turned out good.
- ♦ Val and Carl are thanking God for Carl's continued progress & healing.
- ♦ Karen Hermacinski is thankful for prayers for her surgery that seems to be working. She has movement in her arm.
- ♦ Russ Vance's son-in-law John was hired as the Director of Merchandising for the San Antonio Missions, a Triple A farm club for the Milwaukee Brewers. John is very excited for this opportunity.
- ♦ Dianne Pointer has the joy that her brother-in-law Jim Thaxton's leg amputation and rehab has gone well and he is going home. Prayers for that transition to go well.
- ♦ Jason Potter had the joy of learning that 24 St. Jude patients recently returned home cancer free.
- ♦ Carla was able to be in worship.
- ♦ Myla Springer, the baby with RSV we had been praying for, is home.
- ♦ Thankful for the children's message given by Sarah Pullen.
- ♦ Val Huser was happy that her husband Carl was able to be in worship as he continues to recover from his neck/spinal surgery.



Scan the QR code at the end of the newsletter with your smart phone or visit [riversedgeumc.org](http://riversedgeumc.org). You will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Judy Schaer know.

**Submitted by: Communications Committee**

# SPRING BAY FOOD PANTRY



## 2018 ACTIVITY

Average of 70 families (228 people) helped each month. Highest month was December with 90 families (304 people) receiving groceries. **Many thanks to the leaders and volunteers that make this all possible!!**



Gladys Call would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers. They were greatly appreciated. She is at Rosewood in East Peoria for Rehab. 900 Centennial Drive, East Peoria 61611. **Thanks, Linda Dodwell**

The Missions committee would like to thank every one for their participation in collecting scarves, mittens, gloves and hats for the children at Riverview Grade School. Thank you for purchasing items for Chaddock children at Christmas. If anyone would like to be on the missions committee feel free to come to the mission meeting we will be having. **Submitted by: Deb Kamp, Missions Committee**



### 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

**1. Pray for those whose lives have been impacted by this disaster.** Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.

**2. Make relief kits.** Download the packing list and shipping label at [umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies).

**3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts** at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate) (U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670; International Disaster Response, Advance #982450; Undesignated, Advance #999895).

**4. Donate requested items only.** To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources, Advance #901440 at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate).

**5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.**



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The United Methodist Committee on Relief is grateful for your prayers and support.

**Text to Give:** UMCOR to 91999 • [umcor.org](http://umcor.org)

### Midwest Mission



**Distribution Center**

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center of the United Methodist Church provides disaster relief supplies around the world. Supplies bought through DollarDays (<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>) would be the best way to donate, as they are shipped directly to MMDC at the Center's bulk prices. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations may be sent to:

MMDC, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558  
[www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) | [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org)

# February 2019

| Sun   | Mon                        | Tue                           | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat                |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|-----|--------------------|
|  |                            |                               |  |   | 1   | 2                  |
| 3   | 4<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Trustees | 5                             | 6<br>4:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Worship<br>Planning | 7   | 8   | 9                  |
| 10  | 11                         | 12<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Ad Council | 13   | 14  | 15  | 16                 |
| 17  | 18                         | 19                            | 20   | 21  | 22  | 23<br>2019 Special |
| 24<br>Session of  | 25<br>General              | 26<br>Conference              | 27   | 28<br> |     |                    |



*Our Motto* "The Church That Cares"

## Our Mission

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## OUR VISION

"Our vision is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through our witness, welcome and nurture ."

### WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### NURSERY:

Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS : 9:15-10:15 a.m.

D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

Youth (grades 6 – 12)

Sunday Morning (All Ages)

### CHOIR PRACTICE: (7th grade-Adult)

September through May

7 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced

### O.U.R.: Outwardly Upwardly Righteously

(first Sunday of month)

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